

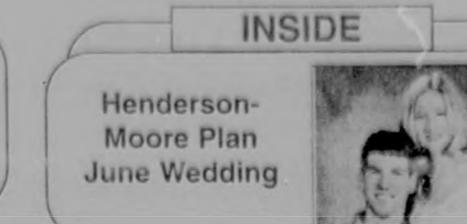
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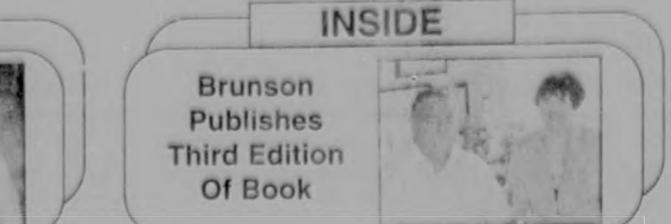
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AUTHORITIES ARREST CALLER WITHIN MINUTES OF THREAT

Bomb threat made to county schools

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

A bomb threat called in to two Coffee County Schools Monday ended with no bombs being found at either school and the "caller" being arrested.



QUESTION & ANSWER...Superintendent of County Schools Rodger Bowden and Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates answer news media's questions concerning bomb threat at special called news conference.

Arrested was a 17-year-old male who lives in New Brockton and had dropped out of school more than a year (December of 1997). He has been charged with two counts of rendering a false alarm which is a Class C felony due to the fact that the facility housed handicapped individuals.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates and Coffee County Schools' Superintendent Rodger Bowden held a joint news conference Monday afternoon to recap the day's events.

According to Sheriff Moates, the first call was made to the New Brockton High School at 11:13 a.m. and shortly afterwards, at 11:25 a.m., a second call was received at the Zion Chapel Elementary School.

"We're proud to say that within 20 minutes of the call we had a 17-year-old male juvenile in custody," said Moates. "He is expected to be charged as a juvenile with expectations of having him stand trial at their next meeting.

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New Brockton's town council meeting short and routine

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council kept their monthly meeting Monday evening brief and to the point. The council rippled through the eleven item agenda in less than thirty minutes.

Most of the matters of business were routine. Council members approved the first reading of a new ordinance dealing with regulations and provisions for manufactured housing within the town limits. The council will vote on the ordinance at its next meeting.

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Mayor Lee reported that the land development on Medley Road was proceeding in a timely manner.

Several members of the council expressed concern of the drainage problem on the road and requested this development be monitored closely by the mayor.

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SAUSAGE FESTIVAL & COUNTY FAIR - The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host the First Annual Old Time Country Fair and Sausage Festival this Saturday, May 8, at the Heartland Music Park from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Among the numerous events planned for the day, there will be various entertainers and food booths. Scheduled performances are as follows: 10 a.m. - EHS Jazz Band; 11 a.m. - Stratton Seniors; 11:30 a.m. - County Folk Singers; 12 noon - (The Studio) Colquett School of Dance; 1 p.m. - Country Cloggers; 12:30 p.m. - Dixie Land Cloggers; 2 p.m. - Classic Country Cloggers; 3 p.m. - (The Studio) Colquett School of Dance Competition Team. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy these performances along with the many other events planned throughout the day. Admission to the event will be \$3 for adults; \$1 for youth and children under 3 will be admitted free.

NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL - The Southeast Pioneer Village, Hwy. 231, eight miles north of Troy, AL, is having its annual Native American Festival Saturday, May 8, 1999, 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Festival includes arts & crafts, food, entertainment, campfire Saturday night and primitive camping. Intertribal dancers welcome. All vendors welcome free of charge. Call (334) 566-3896 Saturday or Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to reserve your booth space. Will take reservations until all booth spaces are filled. Free admission, good food, family fun and activities.

COMMISSION MEETING - The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday morning, May 10, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY - The United States Postal Service and New Brockton's Postmaster, in appreciation of the town of New Brockton's continued patronism, will be having "Customer Appreciation Day" May 19. The New Brockton Postal Service employees ask that you join them on May 19 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. The office is located at 311 St. John St., New Brockton.

WEIGHT WATCHERS CLASS - Weight Watchers will begin classes in Elba on Thursday, May 13. The class will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at the Senior Citizens Center. For more information contact Kaye Whitworth at 897-3125 or 897-3669.



SUPERMARKET OPENS...Elba Market Place celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 28th, at 8 a.m. On hand for the celebration was a large crowd of local officials, vendors, local beauties and a large crowd of "shoppers." Members of the local Chamber of Commerce and the new store's staff made everyone feel welcome. Pictured above are (l-r): Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Leslie Stinson, Miss Elba; Ricky Treadwell, district manager for the grocery chain; Courtney Parrish, Little Miss Elba; Allen Hagler, store manager; James Grimes, mayor of Elba; Donald Thomas, store employee; Nikki Fuller, Future Little Miss Elba; Shay Johnson, Junior Miss Elba; and many other attendees for the ceremony.

Dorsey & Union reach agreement

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A brief labor stoppage at Dorsey Trailers this past weekend officially ended Monday when union members voted to accept a compromise agreement hammered out in what was reported to be intense negotiations throughout the weekend.

School officials utilized area radio stations to inform parents of the situation at both facilities and also to let them know that school would be dismissed earlier.

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stoppage was halted and employees continued to work pending the outcome of the vote by union members.

The new three year collective bargaining agreement was approved by the rank and file, as had been predicted by union officials. Details of the new contract have not been released, but union members said after the vote results were announced that it included an extra \$100 for each employee if the contract was approved that day.

Company Chairman and CEO Marvin Marks said, "One of the benefits of the new contract language will be increased flexibility for employee work assignments, which will allow more consistent work flow through the plant and quicker response time to customer needs. This new contract flexibility will give the Elba plant improved

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Bomb threat caller is caught! We suggest that this is a lesson to any other person with the same "not so bright" ideas. The penalty for such pranks can be quite stiff. On Monday Coffee County got its share of the copy cat bomb threats to local schools. That sort of activity has been sweeping the nation ever since the tragic killing in Colorado a couple of weeks ago. We salute our county law enforcement and school officials for the way this situation was handled. Private conversations with leaders of the schools and various county law enforcement officials have left us confident they were as prepared as anyone can be for this sort of thing and reality proved the confidence well placed. There are a number of stories floating around about why this young seventeen year old dropout decided to make the two calls, but none of them, even if true, make any sense to our simple way of thinking.

What will happen in the Alabama Legislature is anyone's guess, and it can only be a guess right now because politics often take funny turns. This year it is especially true. However, the tone being heard from Montgomery during the weekend was that the *coincidence* lottery bills would pass, with some modifications, plus the general fund and the education budgets will probably pass, but that is about all in this regular session. Don't bet your entire paycheck on the general fund passing either because there are still a lot of varying ideas among lawmakers.

We can like or dislike the Reverend Jesse Jackson, his ideas or his actions, but the man makes things happen. In spite of Washington types "losing face" this past weekend when Jackson successfully won the release of the three Americans being held as POW's "over yonder," most Americans are relieved that these three young men are now back safely with their U.S. buddies. There is that slightly out of fashion saying, "He can talk the talk but he can also walk the walk." We think it means a person can fulfill his promises.

Sunday is Mother's Day. Please take whatever time is necessary to show your mother just how much she is loved. One day you will no longer have the opportunity ... we know from personal experience.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of April 27, 1999, through May 3, 1999. They were: Charles Everett Kelley, Hazel Parker, Martin Caldwell, Alvin Hunt, Angela Marshall, Margaret L. Larkins, Bell Whittenton, Ruth Cox, Melinda Jones, Wayne Swain, Christopher Gilley, Emma Lee, Allen Belcher, Ruth Cox, Shirley Hopkins, Denise Bennett, Joe Dean, Jeremy Cook, Betty Driggers, Roy Nash, Houston Bedsole, Odessa Osborne, and Dallas Harwick.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Brenda Nelson, Peggy Sue Wyatt, Ronald Sanders, Charles Hird, Joshua Parrish, Martin Caldwell, James Smith, Hazel Parker, Alvin Hunt, Charles Everett Kelley, Angela Marshall, Margaret L. Larkins, Bell Whittenton, Ruth Cox, Melinda Jones, Wayne Swain, Christopher Gilley, Ruth Cox, Melinda Jones, Jeremy Cook, Emma Lee, Denise Bryan, Betty Driggers, Shirley Hopkins.

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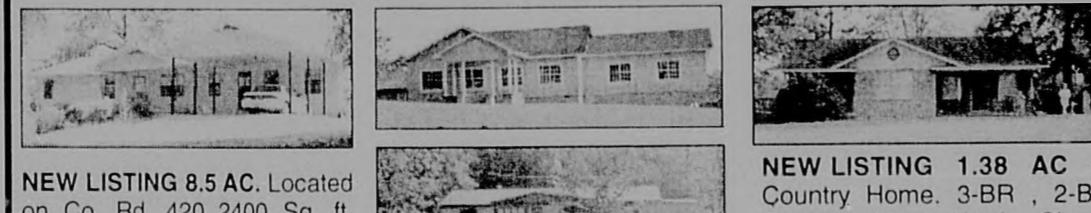
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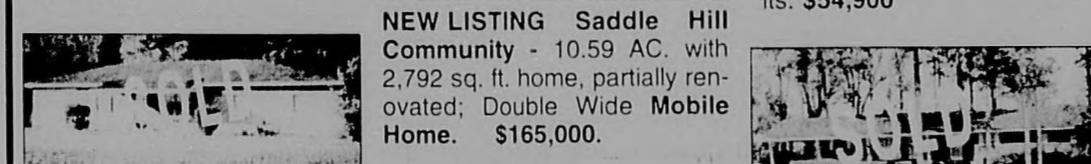
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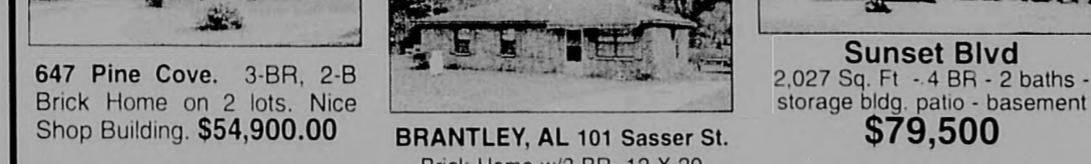
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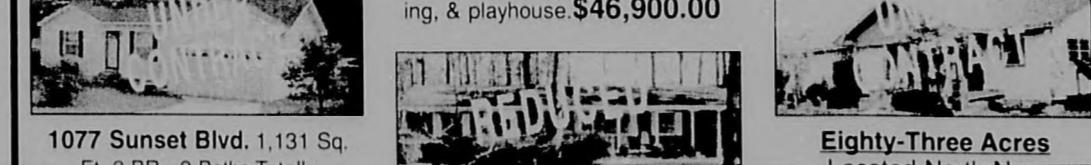
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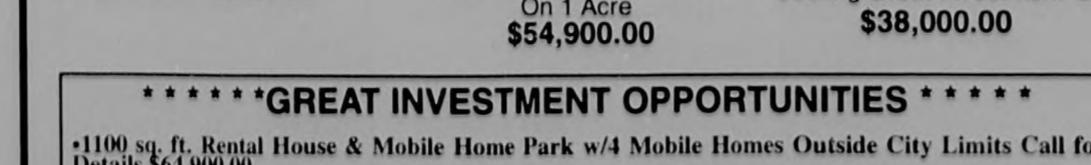
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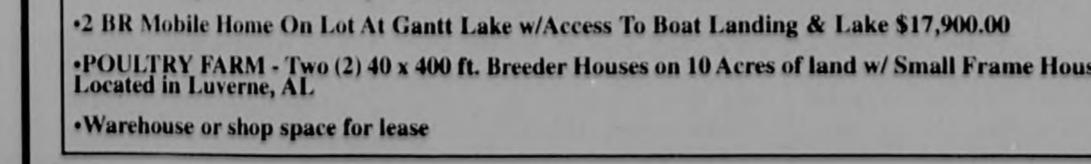
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Brunson publishes third edition of book

Marion Brunson, former Probate Judge of Coffee County, author, local author and historian, has recently published a third edition of his popular book, *Pea River Logic*.

The book is a great collection of old sayings, signs, home remedies, adages and words of wisdom. This folklore is a homespun culture telling much of the colorful history of the Pea River area of Southeast Alabama.

This popular book has been out of print for several years, and there has been continued interest for the purchase of *Pea River Logic* - "hand-me-downs from grandpa's trunk."

The unique illustrations were created by retired educator, Mary Rollins, an enterprise. They are some old ones, some new, and two boys pulling important things from the family trunk where valuables were often kept. This depicts Judge Brunson and his two sons, Bailey and Matt, handing down valuable wisdom from one generation to another.

Another of Judge Brunson's popular books, *Pea River Reflections*, a collection of short stories, now in its fourth edition is also available. The two books are companions and make very good reading for anyone with roots in this area of Alabama. They both contain much early culture and history of the area.

These books are available locally at the Elba Patch and from local book stores in Enterprise, Ala. The author also has copies of the books available.

Brunson acknowledged the help of many individuals in collecting material for his books and said they could have not written without them.

"Every generation has its own moments of excitement," said Brunson. "Important things are remembered for a life time only if they are passed on to younger generations."

Besides the two books mentioned



Marion Brunson and Mary Rollins look at a copy of the third edition of *Pea River Logic*

Brunson has dedicated all his books to his wife, Nancy Cowart Brunson, and his two sons, Bailey and Matt.

The Judge, as he likes to be called, is often invited by local librarians in both public and school libraries to come and share his personal writings with the young children by reading to them. He has yet to refuse to do so.

Besides the two books mentioned

above, Brunson has authored: *The Branson Family, Our Cowart Family, Blanchard & Allen Families, Bailey & Staggers History, and Brunson Reunion Cookbook*.

Judge Brunson and Nancy now enjoy a leisurely lifestyle on Brunson Hill and by spending a great deal of time at their beach home located at Santa Monica Beach on the Gulf of Mexico.

For these reasons, we believe binding arbitration is bad public policy. Please join us in urging Governor Siegelman to end it Alabama now.

Gloria Walker
President, AARP Alabama

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The AARP in Alabama has called on Governor Siegelman to oppose binding arbitration clauses in insurance contracts and other forms of consumer contracts for products and services.

We urge the governor to veto this legislation.

The reasons are simple. Under

binding arbitration, the parties agree to comply with the determination of the arbitrator, thereby waiving the right to have a judge or jury hear the consumer's complaint.

Binding arbitration is particularly troublesome when consumers must agree to it as a condition of doing business, as it can possibly evaluate the potential advantages and disadvantages of pursuing litigation, arbitration, or any other form of dispute resolution.

As with many other provisions in standard contracts, binding arbitration clauses are often written in small print and technical language, and consumers are frequently unaware of their existence or meaning.

There are additional disadvantages for consumers. These include very limited access to documents and other information; limited knowledge on which to base the choice of an arbitrator (who is likely to be better known by the insurance industry); the absence of a requirement that arbitrators follow the law or issue written decisions; and, the extremely limited grounds for appealing an arbitrator's decision.

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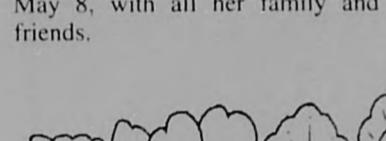
Madalyn Brooke Kelley celebrates first birthday

Madalyn Brooke Kelley celebrated her birthday on May 25 at her home with her parents, Scott and Sabrina Kelley; grandparents, Everett and Irene Kelley and Steve and Hazel Patton; and other family members.

Also helping her celebrate were her twin brothers, Connor and Jaron.



TIFFANY PARRISH, daughter of Lacinda and Jason Parrish, will celebrate her third birthday on May 7. A "teal-tubie" party in Tiffany's honor will be held on Saturday, May 8, with all her family and friends.



Mae Snellgrove to be honored on birthday

The children of Mae M. Snellgrove cordially invite all friends and relatives to a birthday celebration in honor of their Mother's 80th Birthday. The cele-

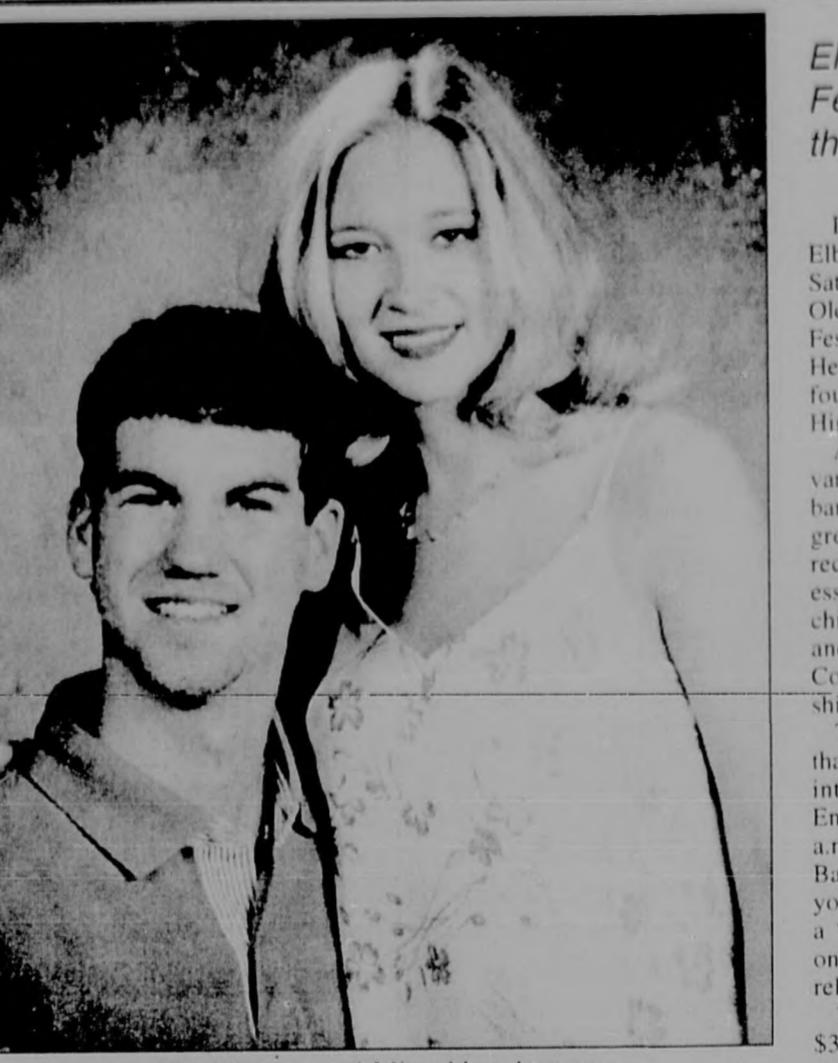
bration will take place at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast, located at 717 Davis Street, Elba, on Saturday, May 8, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please, and it is a casual dress event.

Elba Elementary School to help collect for food drive

Elba Elementary School has accepted a challenge from WZTZ and PEPSI to help collect nonperishable food items for Elba's people in need. The challenge is to have a food drive so that there are hungry people who don't have enough food to eat. The food drive is being conducted like a contest in that the two winning classes (K-3 and 4-6) will

receive a pizza and Pepsi party on Thursday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Food items are needed for the food drive. All items collected will be picked up on May 10 and delivered to the Elba Christian Mission store where they will be available during the year for people who need help with food.

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Elba C.O.C. Sausage Festival planned for this Saturday

If you like Kelley's Sausage, Elba, Alabama is the place to be on Saturday, May 8. The First Annual Old Time County Fair and Sausage Festival will begin at 9 a.m. at the Heart of Dixie Music Park located four miles west of Elba on Highway 166.

Along with sausage cooked in various ways, there will be a husband calling contest, a pie eating contest, greased pole climbing, sausage recipe cook-off, Mother's Day essay contest, and many different children's activities, along with arts and crafts.

Also, 1st Annual County Fair and Sausage Festival t-

shirts will be on sale.

There will be a classic car show that is guaranteed to capture the interest of car lovers. Entertainment is set to begin at 10 a.m. with the High School Jazz Band, cloggers, line dancers, both young and old. There will even be a "Kiss the Pig" booth set up by one vendor to help raise money for research.

Tickets will be sold at the gate for \$3 adults and \$1 youth. Children under three will be free. Half of the gate money will be donated to the Elba High School Band to help purchase band uniforms.

This event is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth at 334-897-3125.

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Henderson-Moore plan June wedding

Terry and Pat Henderson of Kinston announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kaitlyn H. Henderson, to Andria Moore on Ricky and Andria Moore of Opp.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Elizabeth Henderson and the late James J. Henderson of Kinston and Jeanette Bowdoin and the late Jim T. Bowdoin of Samson. She is a 1997 graduate of Kinston High School and is currently a junior at Troy University.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Oberia Moore and the late Isaac Moore of Kinston and Clara Nell Holley and the late Hollard Holley of Samson. He is a 1997 graduate of Kinston High School and is employed in Elba.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, June 12, 1999 at 6 p.m. at Ino Baptist Church on Hwy. 134, Kinston. There will be a reception following the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.

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Bill Hickman to be guest conductor at EHS Band Concert on May 11th

Former Elba High School Band Director Bill Hickman will be guest conductor of the Elba High School Band on Tuesday night, May 11. There will be a reception for Mr. Hickman before the concert from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

The upcoming concert in Elba is the annual awards concert for the Elba High School Band. There will be a small admission charge.

Mr. Hickman has been a high school director for the past thirty years. His bands have won national and state level contests beginning with his first year in 1969. He won third place in the Peach Bowl National Marching Contest in Atlanta. Over the years, his bands have won hundreds of awards for excellence in marching and concert performances. Mr. Hickman is a recipient of the National Band Association's "Citation of Excellence" and was inducted into the National High School Band Directors "Hall of Fame" in 1995. In 1996, Mr. Hickman was selected as "National Educator of the Month" by One Educator. Television and was featured weekly in a show on public radio and his Midfield High School Band.

Mr. Hickman has served as a judge and clinician for band programs in 24 states. Within the past three years, he has traveled to England twice and to France to work with music educators from the European countries. He will travel to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany this June to make preparations for his band's trip to those countries in April of 2000. The festival will conclude with an old-fashioned street dance with Patsalagi. There will be a \$2 admission charge from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and \$3 from 5 p.m. until conclusion. All proceeds from the festival goes toward Foundation's Scholarship Fund, Restoration Fund for The Flowing Well and Festival Site, and community projects.

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Co-Op Spotlight



Tiger Tales

Anna Maddox
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Daniel Murdock

Jessica Parks Assists Carnley



by Deana Gifford

This week's spotlight focuses on Brandie Harrison. Brandie is an employee at Elba Elementary School. She is the daughter of Sherry Harrison and is a senior this year. Brandie is a member of FBLA, FFA, and VICA. In her free time, she enjoys riding, hanging out with friends, and talking on the phone.

Although her plans are indefinite right now, Brandie is considering attending LBW and transferring to Troy State University where she will major in Radiology.

We are proud to shin this week's Co-Op Spotlight on Brandie Harrison.

Honors Day

by Lance Cross
Honors Day will be held May 6 (TODAY) in the Elba High School Auditorium. It will begin at 1:30 p.m. Seniors will be rewarded with scholarships and academic recognition. Parents of the Senior Class of 1999 are invited to attend.

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BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Monday	Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Fried Okra, Peach Half, Milk	
Tuesday	Pancakes	Taco Salad, Cheese, Corn on Cob 1/2 Apple, Milk	
Wednesday	Biscuit, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Chicken, Rice, English Muffin, Milk	
Thursday	Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Salad, Green Beans, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk	
Friday	Cheese Grits, Cereal, Toast/Jelly, Juice, Milk	Ham Sandwich, Tater Tots, Corn, Jello w/Topping, Milk	

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EES Celebrates Grandparents' Day

by Cameron Irwin
On Thursday, April 22, our grandparents came to Elba Elementary School. Most classes wrote stories, made cards, or drew pictures for their grandparents.

They also stayed for refreshments. One grandmother had 9 grandchildren in the Elementary School and High School combined (That's the most out of all the grandparents that came!!!).

The grandparents who came the farthest for grandparent's day were Louise and Ronald Elrod. My grandparents came from Selma, Alabama.

I think all of the grandparents enjoyed their visit to our school and getting to see their grandchildren.

Thank you and hats off to all Grandparents!!! Grandparents you are #1!



Several students are pictured above with visiting grandparents

Letters To Editor Express Opinions

In Mrs. Collins third block enrichment class, as a final activity on their library unit, "Using the Newspaper," all students elected to write letters to the editor about year round school.

The vote was overwhelmingly against it: six favored it and sixteen were against it. Although the letters were all thought provoking, only a limited number can be printed.

A panel of three teachers read and ranked the letters for submission to the "Tiger Tales" staff.

The following student's letters were selected:

Dear Editor:

I am writing on year round school. I am against it because it would get in the way of summer activities. We would not have time for band or cheerleader camps. It would also be hard for people who need summer school. If the person needed to take the course again, he would have to take it the next year. This is why I am against year round school.

Sincerely,
Lacy J. Carlile

Dear Editor:

I think that going to school all year around is a bad decision. It is unfair to students who use their summer months to go to summer school. Also, who had the option of choosing whether their school would return to a traditional calendar or remain year round, voted to remain on the year-round schedule.

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Dear Editor:

I believe that year round school is a bad idea. We love summer and like breaks. The band will not have any time to learn the half-time show. Most teenagers earn the money that they need during the summer. Summer break is a time for our brains to rest. I think that if we have year round school, there will be more stress on all of us. This is my opinion.

Sincerely,
Tunisia Thigpen

Dear Editor:

We should change our school system to year-round. I believe we should have a resting period after each nine weeks. This system allows us to do this with two weeks after every nine weeks. This could be a time to prepare the mind for the next nine weeks. Year round school does not lengthen the school year. The days are spread out with longer vacations spaced throughout the year. Families can schedule vacations during any of the four seasons.

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Sincerely,
Lance Cross

Dear Editor:

I am writing to share my opinion on year round school. I believe that we should have year round school. We would have more vacations. It would mean a shorter summer break but more breaks between when we need them. There would be less time between the end of one year and the beginning of the next. This would give us less time to forget what we learned the year before. We should not have so much time reviewing. In addition we would have two weeks for spring break and possibly three weeks for Christmas vacation. I know that I would like that.

Sincerely,
Matthew Curran

Dear Editor:

I like that thought of year-round

More Opinions...

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Rep. Terry Spicer, center, visiting with retired Probate Judge Marion Brunson and Elba attorney, Matt Brunson.

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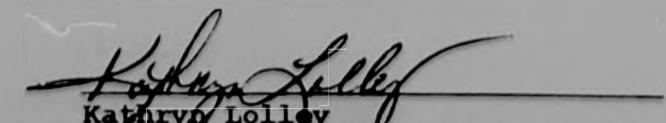
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE, ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES, PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 1999

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY GENERAL REVENUE	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	FUND TYPE	EXPENDABLE	*** TOTALS ***	TOTALS ***
	GENERAL	REVENUE	SERVICE	ENTERPRISE	TRUST	MEMORANDUM ONLY								
REVENUES														
TAXES	1,600,235	917,612												2,517,847
LICENSES AND PERMITS	50,714													67,562
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	369,843	2,184,601												2,554,444
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	562,065	125,351												2,057,153
MISCELLANEOUS	234,375	212,922	1,692	29,682	68,135	3,024								549,830
TOTAL REVENUES	2,817,232	3,440,486	1,692	29,682	1,421,611	36,133								7,746,836
EXPENDITURES														
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,089,229	109,449		1,472,625		3,974								2,675,277
PUBLIC SAFETY	681,822	17,544				16,848								716,214
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS			2,169,721											2,169,721
SANITATION						728,288								728,288
HEALTH	48,597													48,597
PUBLIC WELFARE	30,926	8,498												39,424
CULTURE AND RECREATION	6,000													6,000
EDUCATION	23,451													23,451
CAPITAL OUTLAY	71,114	119,581				9,698								200,933
DEBT SERVICE														
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT		115,202	107,457			36,052								258,711
INTEREST		21,319	73,151			59,415								1,524
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES	1,524													
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,952,663	2,561,314	180,608	1,472,625	833,453	20,822								6,867,600
EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	864,569	879,172	(178,916)	(1,442,943)	588,158	15,311								879,236
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)														
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	13,665	738,884	509,704											1,262,253
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(237,435)	(1,011,153)	(13,158)			(507)								(1,262,253)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(223,770)	(272,691)	498,546	0	0	(507)								0
EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	640,799	606,903	317,630	(1,442,943)	588,158	14,804								879,236
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) - BEGINNING	442,591	1,839,007	2,233,500	1,934,526	(468,772)	33,351								6,014,211
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	1,083,390	2,445,910	2,551,138	491,563	119,386	48,155								6,893,447

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday - Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does NOT present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited data.

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF MARCH 31, 1999

General Obligation Warrants (Jail)	100,000
General Obligation Warrants (Health Department Addition)	93,823
General Obligation Warrants (DHR)	350,000
General Obligation Warrants (Refunding Issue)	2,645,000
Loans Payable to Banks	343,493
Landfill Warrants	1,260,000
Lease Purchase Equipment	344,036
Landfill Lease Purchase Equipment	1,061,808
Amounts in Escrow	(1,437,797)
 Total Indebtedness	 4,760,363


Katherine Lolley
Asst. Coffee County Administrator

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Degrees awarded at TSU

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Local students receiving degrees were: Dina Smith Mathews, Elba; Novella Robinson, Elba; Steven Grady Williams, Jack; Norma Jean Young, Elba; and Beverly McCall, Elba.



Pictured are Lion Danny Turner, Percy Garrett with Laney and Lion Col. Gene Eastburn.

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Katherine Marsh honored by Legislature

The reigning Miss Alabama Agriculture, Miss Katherine Marsh of Enterprise, was honored by Senator Jimmy Holley, D-Elba, and the Alabama Senate with a Joint Resolution outlining Miss Marsh's accomplishments. Miss Marsh won the crown in Alfa's annual pageant. Some 55 young women, representing 55 of the state's 67 counties, vied for the crown in December. Senator Holley and his fellow legislators highlighted Miss Marsh's accomplishments and activities with a Joint Resolution approved by both houses of the Legislature. Senator Holley plans to acknowledge and commend any young Alabamian found to be deserving.

Baxley announces launching of state treasury's website

State Treasurer Lucy Baxley announced the launching of the state treasury's website. The website includes information on the organization of the state treasury, as well as information on the public service programs administered by the Treasurer's Office. One of the greatest benefits of the new website is the availability to search the state's financial records in the treasurer's office. According to Baxley, individuals may continue to call or write the office regarding claims and receive the same level of assistance as those who use the website. The Unclaimed Property Division can be reached at 334/242-9614 or 1-888-844-8400. Baxley has also mailed a list of names and addresses of owners of unclaimed property to the Judge of Probate of each county to have on file for public use.

The State Treasurer's Office website address is www.treasury.state.al.us.

Duncan receives Commendation

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Lynor A. Duncan, son of James A. and Ann Moultrie of Brundidge, recently received the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Duncan, a 1985 graduate of Zion Chapel High School, joined the Navy in November 1998.

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Bozeman Farm in Elba places in top 10 in Alabama's Farms of Distinction. Maxie, Kathy, Steven and Charles Bozeman's farm in the Curtis Community of Coffee County was recognized among the top 10 in the state. Awards were given on April 26, 1999 at the Winty Hotel in Birmingham at the Alabama State Farm City Awards Banquet. Bozeman farm consists of cotton, corn, peanuts, and a 250 head brood cow herd. Of the 850 acres they farm, including some rented, much of this land is irrigated. Pictured left to right are: Charles Bishop-Commissioner of Agriculture, Kathy Bozeman, Max Bozeman, Jerry Knowles-APA President and Doug Rigney-State Farm/City Director.

Christian Athletes at Elba High will sponsor "Stop the Violence" youth rally

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Elba High School will sponsor a "Let's Stop the Violence" Youth Rally on Saturday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium.

There will be lots of fun, entertainment, and fellowship. Christian local gospel group will be performing, as well as, Elba High School students, Leah Mallory and Keisha Bunn. The featured speaker will be Brian Payne, an Elba native and former University of Alabama football player from Nashville, Tenn. Other guest entertainment will be the First Assembly of God Drama Team.

A hamburger cookout will be held at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited, and please bring a canned food item

SouthTrust declares quarterly dividend

The Board of Directors of SouthTrust Corp. has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$2.22 per share. The dividend is payable July 1, 1999, to stockholders of record at the close of business May 28, 1999. The company's common stock trades on The Nasdaq Stock Market.

Marines promote Fleming to rank of Corporal

Marine Cpl. William C. Fleming, son of William R. and Martha B. Fleming of Brundidge, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion. Fleming, a 1988 graduate of Elba High School, joined the Marine Corps in April 1997.

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